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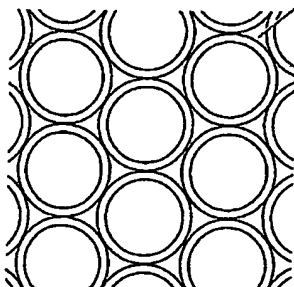
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(57) Abstract: A body protecting device for wearing by a user com-  
prising an array of energy absorbing cells, wherein each cell comprises  
a tube, and wherein substantially each tube has a side wall which is near  
or adjacent to the side wall of at least another tube, and wherein sub-  
stantially each tube is configured such that the orientation of the tube is  
substantially maintained when a load is applied parallel to the axis of  
the tube.

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